आपूर्ति की गुणवत्ता के अनुसार किया जाता है ।

Foreign exchange spent on the Import of Petro-Chemicals

703. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign exchange has been spent annually oh account of import of petro-chemicals during the last three years; and

(b) what measures are proposed to reduce the import of petrochemicals?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M S. GURU-PADASWAMY): (a) The 'information is being collected.

(b) Various steps are being taken to reduce imports of petrochemical items, including setting-up some petro-chemi-cal complex to increase indigenous availability of petrochemicals.

Export of bicycles

704. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) the countries to which Government are exporting bicycles at present;

•(b) whether Indian bicycles have a very good market in USA and some other countries; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to increase the export of bicycles to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) According to information received from the Ministry of Commerce, complete bicycles are being exported from India to more than 50 countries major among them being Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria and Srilanka. Bicycle components are being exported to more than 60 countries, the main ones being Bangladesh, Egypt. Indonesia, Singapore Thailand, Italy and Netherlands.

(b) USA & EEC offer good prospects for modern bicycles.

(c) In order to increase exports, Go-vernment have allowed specified plant machinery for production of bicycles to be imported at concessional rates of customs duty against on export obligation of bicycles. The industry is also eligible for cash compensatory support at the rate of 18 percent of FOB value for new model bicycles and 12 percent for existing models.

Commissioner of Railway Safety's report on the accident of Secunderabad-Bombay special Train

705. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety has submitted its enquiry report on the accident of the Secunderabad Bombay special train which took place on the 4th June, 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features-of the report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN); (a) The Commissioner of Railway Safety has sub-mitted his Preliminary Report.

(b) According to the provisional findings of the Commissioner, the accident occurred due to failure of Railway Staff. As a result of the accident 36 persons were killed, 93 were injured, 43 of them grievously. The cost of demage to railway assets was about Rs. 3.12 crores..

Complete indigenisation of Maruti Car production

706. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the-Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased tc» state;

(a) what is the percentage of indigenisation achieved so far in the production of Maruti Cars;

(b) how long it will take to produce a Maruti car indigenously; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay to complete indigenisation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As on 31.7. 1990 the level of Cumulative indigenisation achieved for the Maruti Car is 92.07 per cent,

(b) and (c) Maruti Udyog Ltd. plans to achieve about 95 per cent indigenisation for Maruti 800 cc car. The Company is not envisaging 100 per cent indigenisation because due to the high cost of indigenisation of some items like roof moulding, ring piston, timing belt, sleeves and forks etc., it is not cost effective or beneficial to localise them.

Self sufficiel ley in the production of family planning devices

707. SHRI VIREN I. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whetlier India is self-sufficient in the production of family planning devices such as oral contraceptives, IUDs, con doms, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase their production to take advantage of increasing demand in the international market; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY , WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD); (a) In regard to Condoms and Oral Contrmceptives Pill, the present production capacity available in the country is sufficient to meet the requirements of the prograrutme. However, in regard to ^IUD all th* requirements of the programme are being met from sources out-side the country as these are not being manufactured in the country.

(b) New capacities are being created to manufacture condom and Manufacturing facilities for IUD are coming up in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of diesel engine cars

708. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state-.

(a) whether it is a fact that diesel car engines are more fuel efficient than petrol engines of comparable sizes; and

(b) if So, what are the reasons for which production of diesel engine cars is not being encouraged?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Diesel car engines are more fuel efficient in terms of mileage per litre than a petrol car of the same engine capacity.

Licensing policy for four-wheelers does not make any distinction between petrol and diesel operated vehicles. However, use of diesel for personalised vehicles is not being encouraged due to short availability and supply of diesel as well as price differential between diesel and petrol. Technically also, diesel engine has problems of high vibration, noise and maintenance. The initial cost of diesel engine car is also more compared to petrol engine car.

आयुर्वेदिक दवाओं का उत्पादन

709. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पटना, झांसी और कानपुर स्थित वैद्यनाथ आयुर्वेद भवनों में दवायें बनाने में नकली सामग्री और जड़ी-बूटियों का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ऐसी दवायें तैयार करने में, जिनमें गाय का घी, आंवला और शहद की आवश्यकता होती है, डालडा, गाजरा और गुड़ का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है ;